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Our monthly Lodge Visit will be to Siloam Lodge no. 399 in Pasco County on 7/28... and add 8/9 to your calendar for an EA Degree featuring 5 Candidates that are eager to join our Lodge! Come out and show your support!

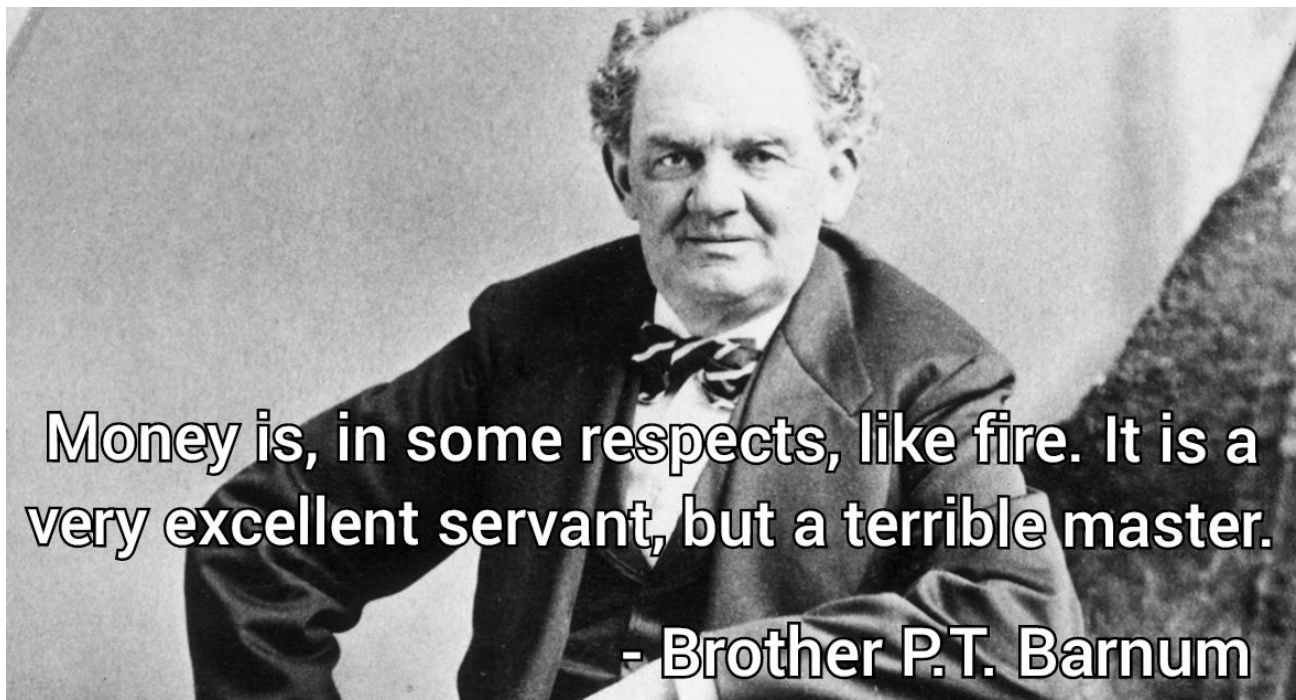
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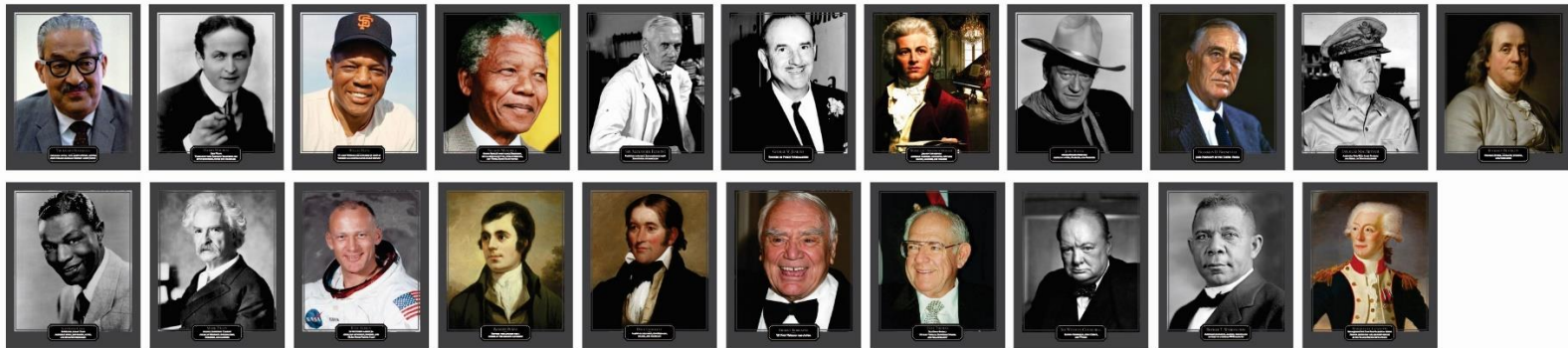


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The Lutz Fire Department, TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) Lutz chapter 56
 BSA (Boy Scouts of America) pack and troop 12 Lutz
 Lutz Little League Baseball
 Awards college scholarships in N.W. Hillsborough County
 McKittrick Elementary School
 “Helping Paws Program”
 Rainbow Assembly (Hillsborough County)
 De Molay (Hillsborough County)
 Shriners’ Hospital
 Lifepath Hospice
 Jobs’ Daughters
 Monthly Bingo jackpots at the Florida Masonic Home in St. Petersburg



If they could do the things they did then,



imagine the things that we can do now.

Thank you to all of our Past Masters - Who laid the foundation for us to build upon

The Past Masters of J.F. Swartsel and Community Lodge © who are still with us today, and continue to carry the torch of Light on behalf of Freemasonry

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 1985 W • Charles Inman - 1985/1997 W • Harold A. Glisson © - 1986 W • Gary F. Gentry
 1987/1994 W • R. Willard Brown - 1988 W • Floyd G. Kirk © - 1992 W • Floyd A. Dozier - - 1992 W • Michael P. Byers ©
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 1995 W • Walter T. Beaver © - 1996 W • Robert Thibodeaux © - 1998 W • Gary A. Richey - 1998 W • Christopher Boles ©
 1999 W • David B. Lambert, Sr. - 1999/2010/2013 W • Steven G. Whitmer © - 2000 W • David B. Lambert, II
 2000 W • Kenneth C. Tucker © - 2001 W • James R. Lambert - 2001 W • John W. Warren © - 2002 W • Gregory A. Lambert
 2003 W • Joseph E. Fara, Sr. - 2004/2007/2011 W • Steven C. Whidden © - 2005/2006 W • Robert L. Herman, Sr. ©
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 2009 W • Drew M. Keenan - 2009 W • Matthew K. Jones © - 2011 W • Richard D. Sego - 2012/2019 W • Jerry M. Snell, Jr.
 2014 W • Jeffrey T. Sklet - 2014/2015/2018/2019 W • Jerry A. Haywood © - 2015 R • W • Charles C. Osborne, PDDGM
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Senior Warden Brother Wade Edward Angel
Junior Warden Brother Brian Andrew Reach
Treasurer W ∴ Jeffrey Thomas Sklet
Secretary W ∴ David Bruce Lambert Sr.
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Please remember your Lodge boosters and thank them!

R.:W.: Ronald E. Stanley - R.:W.: Donald R. Bell - Mark L. Lager - Daniel Allen - Brad Sollberger - Ernest P. Sidlow

Chair Chatter

From the Secretary: Worshipful David Lambert, Sr.

Brethren,

Please check your Dues Card to see if you have paid your 2022 Dues, and If you have changed your address, please give me a call @ (813) 838-7705 or email me at dlambert7907@gmail.com so I can update your records. Also check your Dues Card to see if it is current.

Calendar of Important Lodge Dates: July 2022

- 5th 6:20 PM, Degree Practice.
- 6th (6:PM – 7:PM, MLT), (7:PM – 8:PM, District School of Instruction @ John Darling No. 154).
- 7th **DDGM's Official Visit, Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 8th 7:PM - Masonic Park Board Meeting @ Tampa 240. **(Check for ZOOM meeting).**
- 9th **VOLUNTEERING as a Lodge @ Metropolitan Ministries in Tampa (11am – 2pm)**
- 12th 6:PM - Officers Meeting. Degree Practice to follow (Time Permitting)
- 14th **Holyrood Lodge No. 257 Stated Meeting @ J. F. Swartsel 251, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 15th **Third Friday FULL Menu Fish Fry at J.F. Swartsel Lodge – Serving from 5 - 8: PM.**
- 18th **7:30 - Friendship Chapter No. 209 meeting.**
- 19th 6:20 PM, Degree Practice.
- 21st **Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 22nd **6:30 – 7:30 Master Mason Association of Hillsborough County @ John Darling No. 154.**
- 23rd **9:AM – Noon, Open Books at Zone School of Instruction @ John Darling 154.**
- 26th 6:20 PM, Degree Practice.
- 28th 6:30 PM, Holyrood Lodge No. 257 Degree Practice.
- 28th **Monthly Lodge Visit: Siloam Lodge no. 399, Brooksville. 6:30 PM meal 7:30 PM Meeting**

From the Worshipful Master: Brother Ray Ciunci

Greetings from the East Brothers!!

Things are flying by. We have made the halfway point of the year. Several things were going on this June.

- We attended Grand Lodge and it turned out to be an **historic** event. For the first time in over 100 years, the Grand Line officers of the Price Hall Lodges were invited and joined us! We are not yet on equal footing, but this was a big first step and it looks like it's not an "if" any longer but a "when" we and they will be officially and mutually recognized!!
- This month our Masonic District and our very own Lodge have started to fill chairs in the District and Grand Line. Grand Master M.:W.: Robert Lambert is a past master of Holyrood Lodge, which is now housed and is meeting in our lodge building. Also, our very own Past Master W.: Adam Feldman was appointed and installed the Masonic District 19 Instructor and is now R.: H.: Adam Feldman!! Congratulations R.: H.: Feldman!!
- We Raised three more Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason this month. We also have 3 more candidates who will become Brothers by being Initiated into the Craft on August 9th. We also have other Brothers who are studying to become Fellowcrafts. *So our Lodge is strong and continuing to roll along!*
- One of my goals for my year was to reach out to local charities and find out ways to physically assist them. As a follow-up to our visit to Joshua house last month we are scheduled to visit Metropolitan Ministries on July 9th to help them. Please come out and join us if you are able!
- Our Fish Fry events have turned out to be a big hit, we have resumed Lodge Visits, and are also running Family Nights which occur on the 5th Thursday of the month. They are really like an inside picnic with entertainment – Great Fun !!

So, if you have not yet been to Lodge in a while COME ON BACK to good food and a big welcome!! We'd love to see you.

Fraternally yours,

Ray Ciunci W.: M.:

From the Worthy Matron: Elizabeth McAbee

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Friendship Chapter is delighted to welcome Mrs. Lisa Ellsworth as our newest member! Masons in good standing as well as their female relatives are eligible for membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. Information and petitions are available by request.

Many thanks to those who participated by bringing snacks and other "goodies" and boxing them to send to the USS Abraham Lincoln.

Although Friendship Chapter will be dark during July and August, our next fellowship outing will be on a Sunday afternoon in either July or August to Tampa Theatre to enjoy a classic movie and then to dinner at a local restaurant.

Mark your calendar now to join us for our district covered dish luncheon to honor our founder Robert Morris on Sunday, August 21, 2:00 p.m., at Palma Ceia Chapter (A.W. Windhorst Lodge, 5011 N. Nebraska Ave., Tampa, 33603).

Our next meeting will be Monday, September 19, which will be Friends Night. Our special guest for the evening will be our District 16 Grand Instructor.

We cherish our family ties and appreciate all the Lodge does to support our Chapter. Have a safe and restful summer.

Praying you're blessed...

Fraternally,

Elizabeth C McAbee
Worthy Matron
813/494-6210



From the Senior Warden: Brother Wade Angel

Fellowship Matters

Friday June 17, 2022 was not a good day for me. I spent the entire morning dealing with people who thought it was their duty to upset me. Every interaction that I had that morning ended with unresolved conflict. I felt like the victim of emotional hit and run. It came time to leave for the fish fry at the Lodge, and I considered not going as I was just emotionally drained. After a while, I had the opportunity to settle down a little bit and thought that being with my Brothers might be just what I needed. I was so right. After just a few minutes of being at the Lodge I felt better. No longer was I surrounded by people just wanting to pull my strings. I was engaged in good humored comradery, meaningful conversations about the future, and encouraging conversations with Brothers and members of the community. Forgotten were the hurtful exchanges of the morning. My entire outlook of the day changed.

How many times do we have days like that and do not have people around to “Save the Day” for us? There are people out there who do not have that support group at all. We have friends and Brothers to talk to and have fellowship with. We should take the time to look for ways to help others who may be having a rough day. They are easy to spot. In the store, or café, or at work. We don’t have to,” Butt in”. Sometimes a simple smile and hello in a meaningful way could help brighten up a person at least for a little while. Random acts of kindness could change a person’s whole outlook. And if we are wearing our Masonic hat or shirt in public while performing these acts of kindness, we will be promoting the Fraternity as an organization that cares.

Thank you Brothers, for picking up my spirits that day. It was exactly what I needed.

Fraternally Yours,

Brother Wade Angel

From the Junior Warden: Brother Brian Reach

I am so happy that I was able to attend the 193 Grand Communication. The thing is, I’m not just saying it; I really enjoyed myself as well as being a witness to history! For the first time in 153 years the Grand Line of Officers of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Florida Ancient Free & Accepted Masons were welcomed at our Grand Communication!!

It was heartwarming to see and hear the standing ovation from the those present. I can’t wait to see where we go next!!!

My Brothers, as we approach the Centennial celebration of our Lodge, which we will celebrate in 2025, it is time to start thinking about what we want to during the year to mark it in fine style! In broad strokes, I was thinking about the following for starters to accomplish over the next two years:

- the Lodge needs a little TLC so we can really show her off.
- Updated Lodge pins or challenge coins need to be designed.
- Lists of prospective visiting dignitaries need to be brainstormed.
- Expand the parking lot to support more Brothers without them getting wet feet during our rainy season.
- And so many more things that haven’t even occurred to me!

So my Brothers this is an open invitation for you to get involved. Please feel free to pass on any thoughts you have about our Centennial celebration year to the Building Committee so they don’t get lost in the shuffle as we begin to work on them in the future.

July Dinner Menu:

July 7: DDGM’s Visit: Hungarian Goulash served over noodles with salad, and dessert.

July 21: Baked Ziti with garlic bread, salad and dessert.

Fraternally,

Brother Brian Reach JW



What have we been up to?

We've been up to so much that we have to go back to the end of May to pick up where we've left off!

5/24: Congratulations to Ms. Schweta Shah, graduate of Land O Lakes High School, and winner of our Scholarship award for this year!

A number of Brothers attended the award's ceremony, and Brother Allan Jenkins was honored to present the award to Ms. Shah. Congratulations, and good luck to you in college!



Celebrating the Class of 2022

Welcome	Heather Wall
Athletic Awards	Presenter
Academic All-Conference	Heather Wall
Four Year Letter Winners	Heather Wall
Golden Gator Award	Heather Wall
Scholarship Presentations	Presenter
GFWC Pasco Juniors Scholarship	Danielle Carr
	Karen Concar
Withlacoochee River Electric	Christopher Henson
Anne Karpay, Ph.D. Memorial Scholarship of Excellence	Richard and Barbara Karpay
J.F. Swartsel Lodge Scholarship	Allen Jenkins
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Commemorative Program Award	Rev. Cassie Coleman
Kim Fish Legacy Scholarship	Makenzie & Cameron Hilgenberg
	Derrick Fish, Carter Fish
Vicky King Inspiration Scholarship	Tracey Huff
United States Military Academy Appointment Award	Maj. Charles Cook
North Tampa Bay Chamber Scholarship	Hope Kennedy
Nancy C. Browning AP Psychology & Nancy C. Browning Social Studies Scholarships	Heather Wall

Celebrating the Class of 2022

Scholarship, cont.	Presenter
Pasco Education Foundation	Louise Ellrod
AdventHealth Wesley Chapel Scholarship	
I Run for Coach Keppel Scholarship	
James M. Marlowe Allied Health Scholarship	
Timothy Ellrod Scholarship	
Youth Leadership Pasco Scholarship	
Vicky King/Bond Family Grant Scholarship	Kevin Bond & Jean Bond
Thomas Kranendonk Scholar Athlete	Mary Jane Kranendonk
Athletic Booster Club Scholarships	Leslie Horne
Academic Awards	Presenter
Department Achievement Awards	Heather Wall
Straight A Achievement	Marc Jarke
National Merit Scholarship Program	Marc Jarke
Salutatorian (Traditional and IB)	Marc Jarke
Valedictorian (Traditional and IB)	Marc Jarke
Closing Remarks for The Class of 2022	Ric Mellin

With Gratitude:

Thank you to all of the parents, volunteers, business partners, scholarship donors, and LOLHS staff who have had a hand in the successes of these students at Land O'Lakes High School.

Thank you to Ric Mellin, Heather Wall, Marc Jarke, Mike Frump, Julian Baker, and Stephanie Colon who have presented awards and/or worked behind the scenes to organize this event.

And lastly, we sincerely appreciate the hard work of the LOLHS Custodial Team who set up tonight's event.

5/27: We were saddened to learn of the passing of MW Tommy Turlington, Past Grand Master of Masons of Florida (2020) M.:W.: Thomas L. Turlington, Jr., was born January 21, 1951, and was a member of Botetourt Lodge No. 7 of The Grand Lodge of Virginia; a Dual Member of Sanford Lodge No. 62; and a Plural Member of New Smyrna Lodge No. 149. During Grand Lodge, a presentation of a poem in his honor was read. We have provided a copy of it below.

An old man going a lone highway,
Came, at the evening cold and gray,
To a chasm vast and deep and wide.
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
The sullen stream had no fear for him;
But he turned when safe on the other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.

“Old Man”, said a fellow pilgrim near,
“You are wasting your strength with building here;
Your journey will end with the ending day,
You never again will pass this way;
You’ve crossed the chasm, deep and wide,
Why build this bridge at evening tide?”

The builder lifted his old gray head;
“Good friend, in the path I have come”, he said,
“There followed me after to-day
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been as naught to me
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;
He too must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him!”



Alas, my Brother... you will be missed M.:W.:

5/30-6/1: The 193rd Grand Communication! Robert Lambert from our own District 19 was installed as Grand Master of the State of Florida, and our own Adam Feldman was installed as District Instructor. Congratulations!





6/9: 4 boxes of Snacks and surprises donated by members of Friendship Chapter #209 were mailed to a young man, Ryan O' Rourke serving our Country in the USAF on the USS Abraham Lincoln. Our hats off to the Chapter for this endeavor. Little things mean a lot.



6/15: Bowling Competition! Though technically a competition between PTF United and Holyrood Lodges, Brothers of JFS showed up to join in the festivities. PTF United won the competition by two pins, but the District was the real winner, as the bonds between Brothers are strengthened the more we get together to have fun!



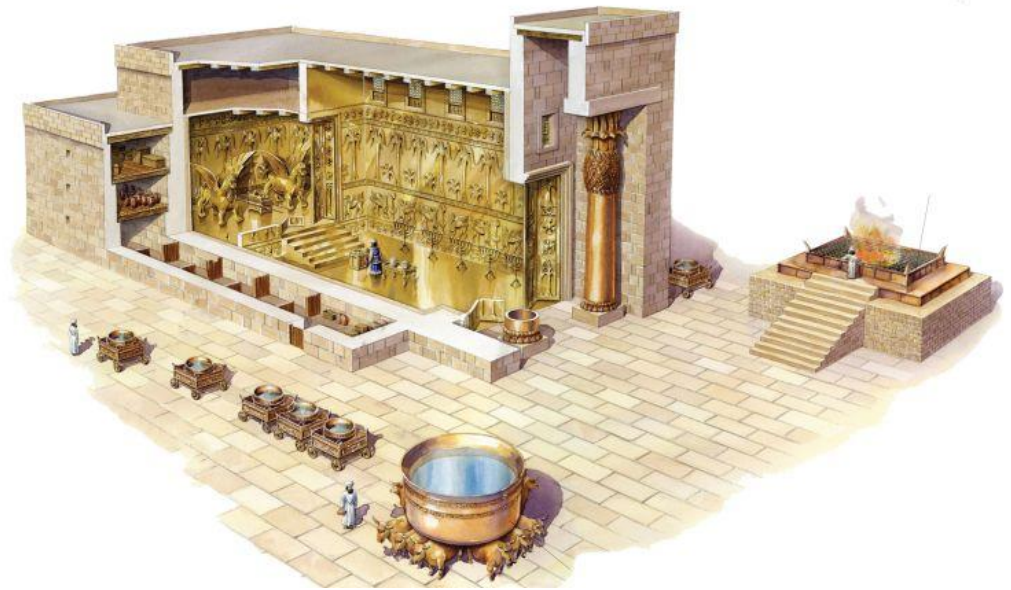


6/17: Our soon to be World Famous Fish Fry continues to be a hit! Thank you to all of the Brothers and their families for their help and attendance in making our fish fry the great success it is!



Masonic Education – Solomon's Temple

Solomon's Temple, also known as the First Temple (Hebrew: **בֵּית-הַמִּקְדָּשׁ הָרִאשׁוֹן**), was the first Temple in Jerusalem, according to the Hebrew Bible. It was built during Solomon's reign over the United Kingdom of Israel and was fully constructed by c. 957 BCE. It stood for almost four centuries until its destruction in 587/586 BCE by the Neo-Babylonian Empire under the second Babylonian



king, Nebuchadnezzar II, who subsequently exiled the Judeans to Babylon following the fall of the Kingdom of Judah and its annexation as a Babylonian province. The destruction of the Temple and the Babylonian exile were seen as fulfillments of Biblical prophecies and consequently strengthened Judaic religious beliefs, beginning the Israelites' transition from the polytheistic or monolatristic beliefs of Yahwism to the monotheistic beliefs developed in Judaism.

The Hebrew Bible of Judaism (or Old Testament of Christianity) narrates how Solomon's father David united the twelve Israelite tribes, conquered Jerusalem and brought the Israelites' central artifact, the Ark of the Covenant, into the city. David subsequently chose Mount Moriah in Jerusalem as the site for a future temple to house the Ark; however, God forbade him from building it because he had "shed much blood". The First Temple was instead constructed under his son Solomon, who became an ambitious builder of public works in ancient Israel. He placed the Ark in the Holy of Holies—the windowless innermost sanctuary and most sacred area of the temple in which God's presence rested; entry into the Holy of Holies was heavily restricted, and only the High Priest of Israel entered the sanctuary once per year on Yom Kippur, carrying the blood of a sacrificial lamb and burning incense.

According to the Bible, the Temple not only served as a religious building for worship, but also as a place of assembly for the Israelites. The Jews who had been deported in the aftermath of the Babylonian conquest of Judah were eventually allowed to return following a proclamation by the Persian king Cyrus the Great that was issued after the fall of Babylon to the Achaemenid Empire. The returned Jewish population in Judah, under Persian provincial governance, rebuilt the Temple in Jerusalem, yielding what is known as the Second Temple; the rebuilt Temple no longer housed the Ark, as it had disappeared.

Most scholars today agree that a temple existed on the Temple Mount by the time of Nebuchadnezzar II's siege of Jerusalem, however, its construction date and the identity of its builder are debated. The Books of Kings include a much-detailed description of the construction of a temple by the Israelite king Solomon, dated to the 10th century BCE, which previous generations of scholars had accepted as authentic. Since the 1980s, skeptical approaches to the Biblical text and the archaeological record led some scholars to doubt whether any temple at all was constructed in Jerusalem in the 10th century BCE. Others suggested that Solomon's original temple was modest, and was later rebuilt in a larger scale during the late-monarchical period. No direct evidence for the existence of Solomon's Temple has been found, however, no real archaeological excavations have ever been conducted on the Temple Mount due to the extreme political sensitivity of the site. Some scholars believe that an inscription on a pottery shard, known as Ostracon 18, that was written around 600 BCE, references the Temple in Jerusalem. If so, it would be the only extra-Biblical corroboration of the Temple found.

In the last decade, the picture has been changed by new findings from two ancient Israelite sites in modern-day Israel: a shrine model of the early-10th century BCE from Khirbet Qeiyafa and an actual temple found in Motza on the outskirts of West Jerusalem which dates back to the 9th century BCE. Both bear resemblance to Solomon's Temple as it is described in the Bible.

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